

## ROMANCE OF A CANAL

Nicaragua Canal First Talked Of 800 Years Ago.

In 1825 the United States First Moved in It.

## THE BILL WILL PASS

So Mr. Geary Thinks, and Canal Will be Done in 1903.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—"It would be an imposition on the public to give a history of such an old affair," said Hon. T. J. Geary of California in reply to questions on the Nicaragua canal. "The point of interest is that this house will certainly pass the bill next December, and the senate, you know, has always been more favorable to it. The senate is the body that takes high ground for national dignity, and so there will be no trouble there. The only point that need be impressed on the public mind just now is that this bill provides for a complete reorganization, and Senator Morgan approves it in place of his own. It makes the capital stock of the canal company \$30,000,000, and of this \$1,000,000 that are to go to the old company for its rights, and enough more to pay for the work already done, the latter sum not to exceed \$4,500,000. Nicaragua and Costa Rica are to take \$7,500,000, and this leaves \$70,000,000, which the United States is to take. The nation, mind you, is to be virtually stockholder and control the canal, as there would be neither common sense nor patriotism in any other plan. I am satisfied, I say, that congress will pass the bill because I know that common sense rules this body in the long run, and well informed Americans do not want to try in the face of Providence and go squarely against the leadings of reason and patriotism."

## Success of the Nicaragua Canal.

"What about the announcement that the promoters have given up hope here and gone to England?"

"It is not your sort of men would call a bluff. Perhaps it is an attempt to revive interest. Just now we are in a fever to get away from here, having got over most of our racket on the tariff, and there is the usual talk in the country that this congress has done nothing. Very foolish talk, too, as no congress for many years has done so much work or in such good work as this, but that is neither here nor there, except that the public mind is in a condition unfavorable to reasoning on this subject. Four months from now people will have had time to realize how much good work has been done, and the members will not be in such a fever, and then we shall put the bill through as a matter of course. The canal will be in successful operation in eight years, and then you can write your history, and it will be a wonderful history indeed. We shall see the consummation of 800 years of thought and work on the subject. If, however, you must have a little romance now, just give the public this chronology. In 1550 Don Antonio Galvao pointed out to the Spanish administration that this was the route for a canal across the isthmus. Every century after that it was renewed. In 1825 the United States, led by Henry Clay, began to move in it. In 1826 the first work was made. In 1894-5 the bill will be passed, and in 1903 the canal will be a success. There's a romance for you, and all in good solid history too."

## A Bunko Game.

His declaration that this house has done a great deal of good work is warmly endorsed by members of his own party. It is a deal of grumbling by such men as John De Witt Warner and Mr. Livingston, who feel sore on the tariff and sugar. In a free talk on the subject Judge Terry of Arkansas said: "When the caucus decides, we must give way, and of course we must when we are in such a position that we should have to yield pretty much everything to the senate. Just the same a good many of us think that the senate worked a bunko game on us in those votes. Just notice how it came out. They managed to gain one Republican and lose just enough Democrats to make it tie on the amendments offered, which are only preliminary, but when they came to the really important vote on referring it back they did not even call for the yeas and nays. It looks like an attempt to scare us."

"And there is where history repeats itself," said another western member. "It is a sort of historical habit in the senate to have the votes in such things. Some folks have forgotten that our much praised Polk-Walker tariff of 1846 ran against a tie vote in the senate and only became a law by the deciding vote of Vice President George M. Dallas. Yet in 1846 the senate and the Democrats have been swearing by and glorifying over it since. So there is no call to take on about a tie vote so long as we get the bill. This philosophical spirit grew in the house just as the wrath of the senate declined, and it was pleasant to observe that the same members who were one week denouncing the senate bill as the meanest embodiment of perfidy were the next week sending out documents by the thousand to prove that it was a really wonderful improvement on the McKinley bill. Experts have figured the reduction from that bill as low as 12 and as high as 28 per cent, which is a delightful variation, as it gives every voter a chance to pick his per cent according to his wish to approve or denounce his representative for consenting to the bill. One amusing feature of the quarrel in the party was that several members who wrote platforms and forwarded them to their district conventions had the same returned with a notice that said convention had endorsed the president and inferentially at least condemned the senate bill."

## The President's Plain Speech.

During all the racket between the senate and house the president continued to talk with his usual vigor and far more than his usual freedom. He made no secret of the fact that he was incensed at several senators, particularly with those who had charged him with double dealing and had come so near proving it. Any one who succeeded in getting to him could get an opinion, and one very factually expressed. Every day, however, the members grew wilder to get away, and all their thoughts were fixed on the approaching elections. All eyes are turned first, of course, to Alabama, which starts the game early with her state elections and with things in a seriously critical condition. All her representatives but two went home early, and the reports they sent back were anything but encouraging. The Populists only have to gain three in the state senate

and four in the house to have the legislature, and one big county could make the change. The legislature counts the vote for governor, and so with the loss of the closest county in the state the bill would go with the hildes, Chase with Morgan, and we should have another Populist governor and senator, and both, according to all accounts, of the most cantankerously aggressive sort.

## IS MISS OSBORN INSANE?

Women Who Visit Her in Jail Think She Is "Queer."

One of the ladies who visited the county jail yesterday says that Estella Osborn, who is confined there charged with complicity in the murder of Chas. Hamble at Holton, is wavering on the verge of insanity. Other ladies who saw her think she is putting it on. She is very nervous and talks in a rapid, rambling way. Her eyes are described as "peculiar." When the women went to the door she received them almost as though she was in her own parlor, and bowed in a very stately, dignified way. It is to be part of the evidence in her case that she has been a variety actress. Different people who have talked with her and then compared their stories, find there is a difference. Although she could clean up her sleeping room if she chose, she did not seem to care to. She was asked yesterday why she did not get some turpentine and destroy the bed bugs that she complained of. She replied: "Oh! turpentine smells so, and so many people come."

To some people she abuses Charles Hamble, the murdered man, and to others she declares that she had rather the bullet had pierced her own heart than "Charles's." She claims to have rich relatives that would go on her release bond if she were not afraid that the Hambles would kill her if she got out.

Sometimes she stands and wringing her hands exclaims, "Oh, I must get out of this terrible place. I will die if I have to stay here, and yet I must not die. I must live to tell the truth at the trial. They want me to die. I must get out of here. If I got out I would raise something. But I must not get out. They would kill me if I did."

It is evident the woman is either deranged or is trying to make people believe she is. The Hambles have all along been afraid she would try feigning insanity.

She says further that she did not tell her father anything about her trouble with Hamble, but that she had made a confidant of her mother and that he must have heard it through her.

The girl is evidently doing all she can to create sympathy for herself and is succeeding to an extent with a few women who take her in good things to eat and other things to make her comfortable.

## OUR LOST BRETHREN.

Prof. Higgins Says They Are in Mars.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 4.—Prof. Ezekiel Higgins, weather prophet, concurs in the opinion expressed in some quarters, that the bright projections on Mars, seen by M. Javelle at the Nice observatory, on July 28, is a signal from the Marsians to the people of the earth. He said, "There is the best scientific evidence to prove that Mars is a nation of Marsians, and lived three millions of years before he was transplanted to the earth, leaving the greater part of the human family behind."

"The Marsians regard us as their lost brethren, and have been searching for us for thousands of years. They have been especially hopeful since they saw the electric lights in our cities. We will be able to converse with them by signals before another century passes."

"It is much easier for the Marsians to see our signals than for us to see theirs, for the earth appears to them to wax and wane like the moon, they can easily see lights on our dark hemisphere while their plane always has its light side toward us."

## WANT THE REFERENDUM.

Master Plumbers Think It a Good Thing in Their Business.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 4.—At the national convention of journeymen plumbers, which adjourned late last night, the following officers were elected: President, Matthew J. Morgan, St. Louis; vice president, John E. McCurdy, Boston; secretary-treasurer, M. J. Canavan; auxiliary secretary, John J. Fay, St. Louis. The insurance committee reported in favor of the benevolent features suggested. The committee on laws reported in favor of the initiative and referendum system. Both reports were adopted.

## SPEAKERS FOR LABOR DAY.

Caldwell and Pickering; Also Mrs. Johns and Mrs. Diggs to Speak.

There was a meeting of the committee of the trades assembly at the hall last evening, to see how they were getting along with the different work in connection with the Labor Day celebration. The soliciting committee gave a very favorable report, and is getting lots of donations to be used as prizes for the different contests.

As to speakers, it is now assured that Mrs. Laura M. Johns will be here and address the meeting. It has been announced before that General Caldwell would speak, and that Mrs. Annie L. Diggs would probably be here. L. O. Pickering, the prohibition candidate for governor, will also be among the speakers. The Democrats have not yet selected their champion.

The prospect now is that the labor day celebration this year will be a big and glorious affair.

## INJURED FIREMEN.

Men Who Have Hurt Themselves in the City's Service.

The fire department is at present handicapped by having three injured firemen on its rolls. Lineman Neils Anderson, whose recent protest on the fire has resulted in several paralytic strokes, is scarcely able to leave his home. Harry Kennedy of No. 3, who was badly injured at the last North Side fire, is still unable to report even for light duty, and George Goodrich, whose ankle was sprained at the Trapp fire, is still compelled to use crutches when he walks.

## Caceres Seated.

LIMA, Peru, Aug. 4.—General Caceres, who was elected to the presidency on May 10, has taken his seat as chief magistrate of the nation.

A splendid programme has been arranged for the concert at Garfield park Sunday afternoon.

## BATTLE OF THE VAGRANTS

Fought in the Woods Near Lakin's Grove—Five Arrested, Made.

Five vagrants from Wichita, whose thirst for white horse got the better of their instincts of law and order, got into a fight about supper time last evening, on the Rock Island tracks, near D. L. Lakin's grove. They supposed the fact that they were outside the city limits made them exempt from arrest, and were therefore less discreet in waging their battle than they would have been.

When the fighters got tired of using their fists, and all the bottles in the crowd had been broken, the stode ballast of the tracks was brought into play, and the rails would have been had they not been securely spiked down.

A Rock Island section-hand, who didn't know the war was over, thought the town was being raided and telephoned Sheriff Burdge. That officer organized a posse composed of Deputies Tom Wilkerson and Dan Jones and three policemen and took them to the battlefield in the patrol wagon. The fighters immediately showed a flag of truce, but it was so blood-stained that Mr. Burdge thought it was the red flag of anarchy and ordered a charge. The fighters retreated in confusion. Their al fresco lunch prevented their making the speed they might otherwise have attained, and they were all captured in the woods except one who caught his raiment in a barbed-wire fence and couldn't get through. They were driven to the county jail and locked up.

They gave their names as Bill Brown, Frank Starr, John Hannibal, Frank Clock and A. W. Henries.

The men were all before Justice Chesney today on the charge of disturbing the peace, and a more blood-stained crowd were never taken from the jail.

William Brown, who is cross-eyed, and A. W. Henries who wore a Prince Albert coat, no vest, and overalls, pleaded guilty and were fined \$5 and costs each. Frank Clock has only one arm. His other was lost in a railroad wreck. He was discharged. John Hannibal is a large man strong enough to work with fatty degeneration of the face. At first he said he wasn't guilty, but he later changed his mind and said: "Judge, if it's all the same to the court, I'd like to change my plea. I wuz in the gang, but I wuzn't mixed up in de fight. I went there to wash my shirt an' was down to the river w'hen the row was going on. I'm a pore man, judge, an' can't work on account of my leg. I dropped a hunk of coal on it when I wuz workin' in the mines. I will show you my leg if you don't believe me."

"The court does not care to see your leg," said Justice Chesney. "Had you been drinking?"

"Yes, judge, I admits I drunk a little bit, but it was cider. I didn't get none of the white-hos."

He was fined \$5 and costs like the rest, and Frank Starr, the last of the gang, had his case continued.

The men can't pay their fines, so they will have to work it out at the city jail. Their financial standing isn't high, and Mr. Dun and Mr. Bradstreet never mention them in their reports.

## CALLING TROOPS IN.

Almost All the Military Will Soon Be Withdrawn From Pullman.

CHICAGO, Aug. 4.—Eight companies of infantry, one troop of cavalry and one battery of artillery of the second regiment, I. N. G., were sent home from the stock yards today on the recommendation of Mayor Hopkins, and it is expected the remainder of the First regiment at Pullman will be called in Monday morning unless serious trouble occurs during Sunday.

Four companies of the Second regiment are still at the stock yards and three of the First regiment are at Pullman.

LEFT FOR DEAD AT BULL RUN.—Fought, Bled and Officially Died, but Is Running For Governor of Wisconsin. Major William H. Upham, who was recently nominated for governor of Wisconsin by the Republicans, has had a most romantic career. He was born in Racine, Wis., May 3, 1841, and when only 20 years of age enlisted in the Belle City rifles, which organization was mustered in as Company F of the Second Wisconsin infantry. In his first skirmish at Bull Run Upham was shot through the left shoulder and lung and was left for dead on the field. Confederates who were burying the slain saw that he was still alive and sent him to Libby prison, where he was confined eight months, and where he gained important information, which was afterward personally communicated to President Lincoln.

Upham had long been mourned as dead, and when he returned home had the pleasure of reading his own obituary notices in the papers. President Lincoln appointed him as cadet at West Point, where he was graduated in 1866 and appointed second lieutenant in the Fifth artillery at Fortress Monroe. During his service there he was guard officer over Jefferson Davis. In 1869 he resigned to devote himself to the lumber business. The following year he located in Marshfield, Wis., when the place was only a name, and in a few years made it a thriving lumber town.

In 1887, when fire annihilated the entire town, and the citizens were in despair, Upham procured the flag he had fought, bled and officially died under, planted it among the still standing remains of his factory and announced that he proposed to rebuild on a much larger scale. His example inspired his fellow townsmen, and Marshfield rose out of its ashes larger and more prosperous than ever. Mr. Upham is president of the First National bank of Marshfield, founder of the local G. A. R. post, a prominent member of the Loyal legion and was state commander of the G. A. R. in 1891.

The Topeka academy of medicine and surgery will meet next week from Monday night at 723 Kansas avenue. Dr. L. M. Powell will read a paper on Summer Diseases of Children.

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Chinchbugs for N. Y. Year.

ABILENE, Aug. 4.—Since the corn crop has been burned up there is no longer a demand for diseased chinchbugs and Prof. Hickey, the county bugologist is laying in a large stock, which he is picking up by a patent process of his own, with which to spread death and destruction next spring.

Barn and Thresher Burned.

HOPE, Aug. 4.—Wm. Hinkle, who lives a few miles north of town, lost his barn and wheat by fire; small insurance. The Lay Bros' separator burned with it, as it had been left there while the power was being repaired.

Far Attempted Assault.

LEAVENWORTH, Aug. 4.—A man named Russell, at least 50 years old, has been arrested on the complaint of Louie Hilly for attempting the ruin of his nine-year-old girl. Russell's friends tried to get him out on bail, but failed to do so.

A Thoughtful Person.

consults his best interests by having a box of Krause's Headache Capsules at hand; taken as directed will prevent or stop any kind of a headache, no matter what the cause, in fact if your skull was cracked it would prevent pain.

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